

'DEFINITE' JFK PLOT, DA AIDE IS QUOTED

Eyed as Pilot Of 'Getaway' Craft--Flier

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A New Orleans pilot has revealed to the States-
Item that Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's chief investi-
gator said last month the DA's office has "posi-

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tively uncovered a plot in New Orleans to assassinate Kennedy."

David William Ferrie, who has a flying service here and is a part-time investigator, said Garrison and his staff are conducting an extensive investigation into the death of President John F. Kennedy and that he and some of his friends have been questioned by the DA's office.

Ferrie gave the States-Item details of why the district attorney's office became interested in him.

"Supposedly I have been pegged as the get-away pilot in an elaborate plot to kill Kennedy," he said.

Ferrie flew to Texas with two friends close to the time of the assassination.

HE CONTENDS, HOWEVER, THAT he did not go to Dallas.

Ferrie explained that in November of 1963 he was working as an investigator for New Orleans attorney G. Wray Gill, who was trying a federal court case involving Carlos Marcello.

Marcello and his brother Joseph were acquitted by a federal jury of charges that they conspired to defraud the government on the day President Kennedy was murdered.

Ferrie says he was at the federal court here that day.

The jury's verdict came in at 3:20 p.m.

Ferrie had done investigative work on the case for Gill, who was one of Marcello's attorneys.

HE SAID THAT AFTER THEY won the case, he and two friends decided to go to Texas on a pleasure trip.

It was a spur-of-the-moment decision, Ferrie claims.

"We went to Houston, Galveston and then back to Alexandria, La.," Ferrie said.

When he returned to New Orleans, Ferrie said, he called Gill to see what was going on and Gill informed him that the district attorney's office wanted to question him about the assassination.

FERRIE CLAIMS THAT WHILE HE WAS in Texas, 13 law officers, including Garrison and former assistant district attorney Frank Klein, broke into his home and carted off books, photographs, and some other personal belongings.

"They took a substantial amount of my property to